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Wetekam takes charge

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Former commanders, city leaders, family and friends were in attendance as Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, assumed command of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, in a ceremony on Feb. 1 at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

He replaced Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, who retired after a 33-year career.

Wetekam promised to continue the focus on productivity and forward mobility at the center.

In a meeting with media following the ceremony, Wetekam stated some of his goals and challenges as the new commander.

"My goals as commander of this center are to focus on productivity and the installation," he said. "Being an installation commander means making sure that all of the tenants are taken care of."

Wetekam said he has plans to achieve these goals by emulating those who have been his role models in the past, includ-

ing Haines.

"I am honored to be chosen for this, but it is a momentous task," he said. "I think my greatest challenge will be to keep the center moving forward and keeping the momentum going," he said.

In his remarks, Wetekam spoke of the community support for the base, calling it legendary. He also commended the spirit and work ethic he has seen so far and said he thinks this should be a wonderful assignment.

"This organization is sound, focused and well-managed," said Wetekam. "To Warner Robins, I look forward to working with all of you."

Wetekam comes to Robins Air Force Base after serving as director of Maintenance and Logistics for Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Saying farewell

Following the change-of-command ceremony Haines said goodbye to the ALC as well as the Air Force. Haines, who retires officially on April 1, thanked his family, support

staff and others for their support. He also thanked the people of Robins for making this "the best ALC in the world."

"I am leaving a world-class team," he said, "but I am leaving them with a world-class leader."

Haines said it has been a fulfilling purpose to serve his nation and he has enjoyed every moment.

Gen. Lester L. Lyles, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, presided over the ceremony and praised both men.

Lyles said Wetekam is the ideal replacement for Haines because the two have very similar philosophies.

"We wanted somebody who emulated Denny Haines' style, and that is caring for people," he said. "First one has to learn to serve and then they can lead. That is the hallmark of Denny and Ginnie Haines. They have led, and led well."

Both Haines and Wetekam were directors of maintenance and logistics at Air Combat Command Headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va., before taking the top job at



U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Crayton

Gen. Lester Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander, presents the guidon to Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, during change-of-command ceremonies at the Museum of Aviation on Feb. 1. Wetekam assumed command of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Outgoing Command Chief Master Sgt. Karl Abernathy stands in the background.

Robins.

Lyles also lauded Robins as the premier ALC in AFMC.

"When it comes to innovation, when it comes to productivity, when it comes to hard work, you're hard-pressed to find anything better," he said.

As a part of the ceremony, Haines was presented the Distinguished Service Medal for his service at the WR-ALC from February 2000 through February 2002, his own personal colors, his certificate of retirement and a personal letter

from Secretary of the Air Force James Roche. His wife, Ginnie, received the Air Force certificate of appreciation.

Editor's note: Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam has moved into his office in Bldg. 215. See photo on page A-2.

Firefighters strengthen their skills with crash training

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In the past 12 years William Shanholtzer, lead firefighter for the Robins Air Force Base Fire Department, has seen more than his share of C-130 crashes on the southeast end of the runway here – luckily they've all been simulations.

And last week's training exercise was no different.

As 1,800 gallons of jet fuel and gasoline were pumped into a pit around a mock-up of a C-130 and ignited, Shanholtzer and 24 other firefighters moved quickly into position to extinguish the roaring blaze.

"It's a small indication of what a real crash sight would be like," Shanholtzer



U.S. Air Force photo by Geoff Janes

Flames pour from a practice "crash" fire at the southeast end of the runway. Robins firefighters hone their skills through these practice exercises so they will be prepared in case of an actual emergency.

said. "We use 1,800 gallons of fuel, but a KC135 has 50,000 to 60,000 gallons of fuel. When we light the 1,800 gallons it's big – can you imagine the real thing?"

The training environment lends itself

to realism. It is located close to the base's runway, with a C-130 mock-up in the middle of a cement pit filled with

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DOD, AF unveil fiscal 2003 budget proposals

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The president's fiscal 2003 budget proposal authorizes \$379 billion for the Department of Defense to win the war against terrorism, defend America, improve the quality of life for men and women in uniform and accelerate the transformation of the military to counter 21st century threats, senior defense officials announced on Feb. 1.

The proposal includes \$3 billion for counter-terrorism, force protection and homeland security, senior defense officials said. It also includes \$1.2 billion for continued air patrols over the United States and added funding for munitions, communications and other critical needs.

The budget also addresses several quality-of-life improvements, including a 4.1-percent increase in military



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Reminder

Your chance to speak out

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Drivers strike base barrier poles 61 times

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The yellow barrier poles at the base gates all have something in common: They do not yield to traffic.

Drivers have learned that lesson the hard way 61 times since Oct. 1.

"Everyone knows the purpose of the poles, and it's everyone's responsibility to slow down and pay attention while entering and departing the base," said Carl Wilkins, 78th Air Base Wing safety manager.

Avoiding the poles can't be too difficult considering that thousands of cars and trucks of all sizes enter and exit the gates without incident every day, he said. The same inattention that causes the vehicle-pole collisions could result in a far more serious consequence — striking a member of the security forces or their civilian traffic volunteers.

"The potential for serious and lasting injury cannot be overstated," Wilkins said. "People must exercise

extreme caution, drive slowly and concentrate on anything and anybody that is in or near the entrances."

The vehicle-pole accidents began just a week after the Sept. 11 terror attacks that marked the start of 100-percent identification checks at Robins' gates. The accidents began slowly with just four in September, but accelerated to 24 in January.

Slow down and pay attention

"Almost all the accidents can be attributed to people driving too fast or not paying attention," Wilkins said. "Drivers themselves are our best source of accident information. They told us they were putting away their ID cards or watching someone else when their vehicles struck the poles. In some cases, operators were just driving too fast while attempting to enter or leave the base."

In one recent accident, a truck sustained serious damage when it struck three poles



U.S. Air Force photo

A truck halts after striking barrier poles located at a Robins Air Force Base gate. Since Oct. 1, 61 barrier poles have been struck by drivers entering or leaving the base. The poles will soon be repainted and topped with new reflector tape, but officials also encourage drivers to slow down and pay attention when behind the wheel.

before coming to a stop. Two of the poles were destroyed.

The accidents do not follow any particular time pattern, occurring at all hours of the day and night, Wilkins said. Gate 14, with 27 accidents in the reporting period,

appears to be particularly hard hit.

To help make them more visible, the poles will soon get fresh coats of yellow reflective paint topped with new reflector tape.

"However, no amount of

paint or reflector tape can compensate for careless driving," Wilkins said. "The accidents will not stop unless we as a work force slow down and stay alert while entering and departing Robins AFB."



U.S. Air Force photo by Geoff Janes
Firefighters wear protective “flash” suits while battling the blaze from an exercise crash fire. The suits enable the firefighters to withstand the blistering temperatures they must face.

New pit will allow more control, safety

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fuel. Although the training is realistic because the firefighters use jet fuel during the exercise, that will all change soon.

As part of this year’s budget, the pit will be completely taken apart and replaced by a new pit that will allow the firefighters to train for more than one type of incident, Solomon Graddick, assistant chief of training, said.

“The new pit will allow for more control and safety measures,” he said. “It will also have more features. It will allow us to demonstrate a wing fire, engine fire and an auxiliary power unit fire. It’s just one more way that our people will be able to train for anything that could possibly go wrong.”

The new pit will offer a number of advantages including cleaner-burning propane gas; but for now, the current pit is used as a way for firefighters to hone their skills for a large jet-fuel fire.

Shanholtzer said the pit is one of the only training devices of its kind in Georgia, and Graddick echoed his statement by adding that it was one of the last pits of its kind in the Air Force.

As for keeping firefighters well trained, the exercise offers realism that’s unrivaled.

During the exercise, the flames climb nearly 100 feet into the air, while the smoke, thick and black enough to block the sun, ascends high enough to be seen from miles away.

And it’s hot.

Heat in a ‘flash’

The heat from the fiery jet fuel can be felt hundreds of feet away. Roaring to a blistering 1,900 degrees, the fire is too hot for conventional suits, so base firefighters use “flash suits,” Shanholtzer said.

The suits, which weigh nearly 60 pounds including an air tank, are silver in color and designed to reflect heat rather than absorb it. They also wear Nomax inserts under their gloves.

“If you don’t, it could burn your hands,” Shanholtzer said to one of the new firefighters participating in the training.

Graddick said the exercise is designed to be as realistic as possible.

“The idea is to get the whole (training area) engulfed in flames,” he said. “That way we can get the maximum capabilities from the vehicles and the landline operators.

“We want to simulate what happens on an actual aircraft,” he added. “That way if it ever happens – God forbid – we’ll be ready for it.”

The training is required twice a year, but according to Larry Kohls, assistant chief of operations, the base firefighters meet, and often exceed, those requirements.

“It varies,” he said. “Depending on how many new military firefighters we get in from tech school – that determines how often we do the training.”

The latest scenario involved a C-130 with five passengers and an unknown amount of fuel on the plane. It also called for 25 firefighters, using five vehicles to respond to the blaze.

Once the fire reached its apex, the smoke and flames were quickly replaced with aqueous film-forming foam – a white liquid substance similar in appearance to soap suds you might find in a sink filled with dishwater.

And according to Shanholtzer, the reason the foam acts so quickly is simple.

“You need three things for a fire,” he said. “You need heat, fuel and oxygen for a fire. The foam takes out all of the oxygen.”

As the exercise ended, and yet another C-130 fire was extinguished, Shanholtzer and his fellow firefighters took off what parts of their equipment they could and prepared for the briefing that would bring a close to another catastrophic incident on the southeast end of the runway at Robins Air Force Base.

Editor’s Note: To see this story on television, be sure to tune into Around Robins on Cox Cable channel 15. The schedule is as follows: Feb. 15 at 8:30 p.m., Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. and February 18 at 1 p.m.

Commander decorates his office

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, commander of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, moves into his new office in Bldg. 215. Wetekam and his wife, Sheri, are avid NASCAR sports fans. The general brought with him a trunk lid from the NASCAR No. 77 car. The car, owned by the Jasper Motorsports Team, is driven by Robert Pressley. The owners of the car gave Wetekim the trunk lid in recognition of his most recent promotion.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

WIC office to reopen on base Wednesday

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The Women, Infants and Children program office at Robins Air Force Base will reopen Wednesday after a nearly five-month absence. Office hours will be on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The office, located in Bldg. 700, Room H101,

closed following the Sept. 11 terror attacks. During that time, the program’s office in the Houston County Health Department building on Carl Vinson Parkway served WIC participants. More than 200 military members and dependents from Robins are eligible for WIC benefits.

WIC is a federally funded program providing nutrition education, vouchers for sup-

plemental nutritious foods and referral service. To make appointments after opening day, call 327-8433.

The on-base coordinator is Sharon Lowe, Family Advocacy program assistant. D’Nekia Johnson and accounting technician, Adam Shull, will staff the office. Anyone with questions may call Lowe at 327-8430.

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Hail and farewell set

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a hail and farewell on Feb. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Georgia Room of the officers’ club. Spouses are invited to attend the event and social that follows. For more information, contact Capt. James T. Rich at 926-3681 or e-mail james.rich@robins.af.mil.

Volunteers needed for Tattoo ceremony

For personnel interested in assisting with this year’s Robins Air Force Base Tattoo Ceremony the week of March 20, there will be an information meeting held today at 2 p.m. in Bldg. 905, room 248. Volunteers are needed to fill positions as actors, spotlight operators, stagehands and other logistical positions. More details about the meeting or the ceremony can be found by visiting the Tattoo Information Web site at <http://www.robins.af.mil/tattoo/> or by contacting Capt. John Payne at 926-6368 or Capt. Beth Graboritz at 926-2152.

78th MPF schedule briefings on Feb. 15

Military personnel have questions, and the military personnel flight has answers, all packaged in briefings that will be presented on Feb. 15.

The Base of Preference Program, retrain-

ing opportunities, the latest information about the full enlistment program and the latest on the Stop Loss will be covered.

The 78th Military Personnel Flight invited commanders, first sergeants, supervisors and anyone else who wants to know more about these programs to attend one of two briefings where base program managers will provide the latest information and answer questions on these hot topics.

The briefings will be at Coats Hall, Bldg. 2051, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Question-and-answer sessions will follow both sessions. For more information, contact Master Sgt. David Lee, superintendent of personnel relocations and employment at 327-7348.

CSAF survey continues

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Dr. T-R named 2001 woman of achievement

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The commander of the 78th Medical Group's Aerospace Medicine Squadron is the Warner Robins Business and Professional Women's Club 2001 Woman of Achievement.

Lt. Col. Laura Torres-Reyes, known to Robins Air Force Base as a gifted leader and to Central Georgia as the popular Dr. TR featured on the local CBS affiliate, WMAZ Channel 13, received the award on Jan. 17 at a dinner in Perry.

BPW President Cathy Schoonaker, a member of Robins' contracting team, said Torres-Reyes was among 15 outstanding finalists in the competition, which is open to both Robins and community candidates.

Her contest sponsor, Col. George Johnson, commander of the 78th Medical Group, said she "epitomizes the highest standards of achievement that the Woman of Achievement award represents." To be selected for the award, the nominee must be outstanding in her career field and in services on behalf of working women in research, education or community services.

Torres-Reyes said the win came as a surprise, particularly as she sat listening to excerpts from each of the nominees.

"When my name was announced, I was shocked, humbled and very honored," she said. "The contestants were all amazing, remarkable women."

"However, this award doesn't belong to me alone. It belongs to the men and women of the Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Their excellence and the tremendous job they have done really clinched the award. It has been my privilege commanding this squadron. This has been the most exciting, best job I've ever had."

The more than 125 members of the

squadron perform a diverse mission that takes in public health, flight medicine, occupational medicine, the Robins Health and Wellness Center and bioenvironmental engineering.

Johnson observed that Dr. TR has "a unique talent for communication information with compassion and intelligence." She was ready to exercise that talent even before she arrived on Robins.

A member of the National Association of Medical Communicators, she had an interview scheduled with WMAZ-TV before her arrival.

"Two days after I arrived, I sat down with the news director, set up the concept for 'Ask Dr. TR' and within a week was doing the show," she said.

She has a regular four-minute segment Sundays at 8:45 a.m., when she discusses a topic and answers questions. She also is featured on "Wellness Discovery," a public access show on Cox Cable produced by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Public Affairs Office.

She said the shows have succeeded because "people are hungry for a medical provider they feel comfortable with ... God gave me a talent for saying things in an easy-to-understand manner people can easily connect with."

She said the programs "get me charged up," inducing her to peruse CNN and other health news sources, various Web sites and news shows in search of topics.

"I try to think of myself as a viewer and what questions I would ask," she said. Often, people will stop her on the street and ask questions, and those sometimes become show topics.

Recently selected for promotion to colonel, Dr. TR will be the Warner Robins representative to the Georgia Business and Professional Women competition to select the Georgia Woman of Achievement in May.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Laura Torres-Reyes, commander of the 78th Medical Group's Aerospace Medicine Squadron, has been named the Warner Robins Business and Professional Women's Club 2001 Woman of Achievement.

All but one of the other award nominees are also Robins personnel. The others:

Tena Dominy of the Logistics Management Directorate

Sue Dryden, F-15 Systems Program Office

Master Sgt. Marcia K. Floyd, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command

Segrid J. Harris-Wright, C-130 Avionics Modernization Program

1st Lt. Shelley Hoenle, 78th Civil Engineer Group

JoAnn Hutchinson, Robins Civilian Personnel

Col. Deborah Inman, Air Force Reserve

Lt. Col. Susan J. Johnson, commander of the 78th Communications Squadron

Evelyn L. Mathis, Robins Fuels Information Service Center superintendent

Chief Master Sgt. Susan A. Moore, 93rd Air Control Wing

Master Sgt. Kathy M. Nethaway, Headquarters AFRC

Diana Wright, Space and Special Systems Management Directorate

Linda O. Rosso, Headquarters AFRC

The off base nominee was Warner Robins City Clerk **Carolyn Robbins**.

DFAS expands Web-based financial services

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Department of Defense civilian employees can access even more financial information services through an improved Defense Finance and Accounting Service Internet site.

Upgrades made in December 2001 to the agency's computerized Employee/Member Self-Service sys-

tem now allow DOD civilians to make online changes to their state tax withholding; to start, change and stop U.S. Savings Bond purchases; and to view and print 2001 W-2 forms, according to Jim Pitt, deputy director of DFAS electronic commerce, military and civilian pay services.

"We want to empower our military and civilian employees to have greater control over their payroll

records," Pitt explained, adding that DFAS officials anticipate that military members will have online access to their W-2s next year.

Using the self-service Web site, Pitt noted, is a more efficient way of doing business that's more accurate, saves paper and time, and reduces redundancy.

Instead of having administrative specialists re-input employee-provided information, employees can use

the system to enter their data themselves, he said.

Another new DFAS self-service Web link, Travel Advice of Payment, allows military and civilian personnel to view and print their paid travel vouchers online, Pitt noted. At first, only payments made after Oct. 2, 2001, by the agency's Cleveland, Indianapolis and Columbus, Ohio,



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Rising gas prices pump up reimbursement rates

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Thanks to rising gasoline prices, Defense Department travelers are seeing an increase in the amount they are reimbursed for each official mile driven.

The reimbursable rate was increased 2 cents to 36.5 cents per mile, said Maj. Karen Corrente, Air Force travel, transportation and benefits policy chief at the Pentagon.

The change, which became effective on Jan. 21,

mirrors the change recently approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

Corrente said. By law, the government rate, set by the General Services Administration, cannot

exceed the IRS rate.

Although the rates are primarily based on gas prices, Corrente said they have never gone down.

The IRS completes a study annually to determine if a

raise is needed. GSA officials are required to review the study and determine if a raise is warranted on their end.

To take advantage of the higher rates, people need only fill out travel vouchers

accurately, Corrente said.

“The higher rate will automatically be calculated,” she said.

The rate for travel by personal motorcycle and airplanes also increased.

The reimbursement rate for motorcycles is 28 cents. Those using personal airplanes will receive 97.5 cents per mile for official travel.

For more information, contact local finance offices.

Site offers end of paper statements

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centers will be available. Other payment locations will be made available soon.

Military members and civilians can also use the Web site, <http://www.dfas.mil/emss/>, to stop the mailing of their Leave and Earnings Statements, Pitt said. Customers now, he noted, can simply print the statements that have been posted online.

Pitt said the DFAS Web site offered a variety of services to military and civilian personnel even before the December upgrades. They’ve been able to access, view and print their electronic Leave and Earnings Statements; change federal tax withholding; and change direct deposit information.

Civilians can also use the Web site to file address changes and start, stop, or change allotments, he added.

DFAS serves roughly 5.5 million active duty and reserve military, retired military, annuitants (such as widows) and DOD civilians, Pitt remarked.

The improved Web site, he noted, greatly enhances service for those customers. “It is a user-friendly site and offers things that people have been asking for. We’ve had a lot of positive feedback from our customers,” he concluded.

To access the Employee/Member Self-Service system, customers need a custom personal identification number that can be obtained by calling the system Customer Support Unit at 1-800-390-2348.

New changes in effect for enlisted PME

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A complete review of enlisted professional military education has brought about some new policy changes, effective immediately, officials at the Pentagon announced on Feb. 1.

Last year, a team met to review the policies, vision and organization of PME. The team was led by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch and included command chief master sergeants from each major command, representatives from the Air University and College for Enlisted Professional Military Education, and functional experts.

“This conference of PME experts and other key enlisted leaders from each of the MAJCOMs focused on the future of PME within the broader context of professional development for our Air Force enlisted corps,” Finch said. “Policy changes evolving from this session highlight the expectation that all airmen complete formal PME courses as a part of the professional growth needed during their Air Force careers.”

While many of the team’s recommendations are still under review, there have been a series of policy changes, now in effect, said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Eitnier, enlisted professional military education chief at the Pentagon.

“(The changes) were designed to further emphasize participation and expand EPME eligibility,” he said. “As a basic (noncommissioned officer) responsibility, every airman is charged with securing and promoting PME for themselves and their subordinates.”

One change is the retainability requirement to attend PME. The 12-month requirement was reduced to six months. People selected with six or more months retainability as of the class graduation date are required to attend PME once selected; however, people with less than six months may attend at their commander’s discretion. People may still re-enlist or extend for the purpose of attending PME, Eitnier said.

People able to decline PME have been limited to those with more than 18 years in service as of the class date. If PME is declined, NCOs must retire upon reaching 20 years of service or on the first day of the seventh month following their declination, whichever is later.

“People who decline PME are ineligible for promotion and re-enlistment,” Eitnier said.

The only exception is for people obtaining retainability for retirement purposes.

Once PME is declined, Eitnier said people are also ineligible to participate in the high-year-of-tenure extension program.

The weight and body fat management program also has changes.

“We have discontinued the policy of disenrolling students who exceed weight and body fat standards,” Eitnier said. “This should not be construed as a relaxation of standards. Meeting standards is an individual responsibility and commanders are charged with ensuring their people are within standards prior to attending PME.”

Verification of weight and body fat will take place no earlier than 30 days prior to the class start date. Weight and body fat checks will no longer take place upon

arrival to a course.

The PME achievement award program also has changes. Because fiscal 2002 budgets were already submitted, these changes are effective no later than Oct. 1.

Four awards are now mandatory PME awards. They are: the John L. Levitow Award, presented to the top distinguished graduate of each class; the distinguished graduate award, presented to the top 10 percent of each class; the academic achievement award, presented for scholastic excellence; and the commandant or leadership award, presented to the student who made the most significant contribution to the overall success of a given class.

These awards are the only authorized EPME awards. Requests for other awards must be approved by officials at Air Force headquarters.

More changes to enlisted PME are on the horizon and will be announced as they are approved, Eitnier said.

“PME remains the mainstay of formal professional development of our NCO corps,” he said. “These policy changes will help further emphasize PME completion.”

Absentee ballots Program gives troops a voting chance

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Participation in the nation’s electoral process “is a mark of good citizenship, and I would say our military are certainly fine examples of good citizens,” Department of Defense’s senior voting assistance officer said.

“We’d like to see service members exercise their right to vote to the fullest extent,” said Polli Brunelli, director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program in Arlington, Va. The FVAP facilitates absentee voting for U.S. military and other American citizens living overseas, she noted.

Service members, especially those stationed overseas, should contact their local voting assistance officer well before elections to obtain the required information and materials needed to register and vote, she said.

“Send those materials in promptly to your local election official — that’s the county where you’re eligible to vote,” Brunelli said.

The FVAP carries out the voting program on behalf of the secretary of defense, who is delegated by the president to administer the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986, she noted. The law affects more than 6 million potential voters, according to the FVAP Web page at www.fvap.ncr.gov.

The program’s aims are to inform and educate U.S. citizens worldwide of their right to vote; foster voting participation, and protect and enhance the

integrity of the voting process at federal, state and local levels.

The fiscal 2002 National Defense Authorization Act contains several provisions addressing voting assistance programs, Brunelli noted. Some new provisions are:

Each military service’s inspector general will annually review the effectiveness of their service’s voting assistance programs and issue a report to the DOD inspector general.

The services will ensure their voting programs dovetail with Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act provisions and DOD directives governing voting assistance programs.

Commanders will ensure voting assistance officers are appointed, properly trained and equipped to provide military members with information needed to register to vote and to cast absentee ballots.

Commanders’ evaluation reports on voting assistance officers will include comments pertaining to their performance in carrying out their voting assistance responsibilities.

Beginning four months before general elections, the secretary of defense will survey all overseas locations and seagoing vessels and all U.S. port facilities that collect APO and FPO mail to determine if voting materials are awaiting shipment and to ensure the military



postal service moves the materials expeditiously.

The absentee voter registration and ballot processes have been simplified.

Service members who want the particulars on how to register and vote should contact their voting officers, Brunelli said.

She noted that the fiscal 2002 defense authorization act permits the FVAP to conduct a demonstration project this year allowing service members to cast absentee votes electronically. A similar project during the 2000 presidential election validated the concept of Internet absentee voting, she said, but it involved fewer than 100 service members from 21 states and 11 countries.

The fiscal 2002 authorization act, she said, “strengthens voting assistance programs of the services and also helps ensure that our men and women in uniform are able to exercise their right to vote.”

5th CCG members to help in Salt Lake City

Three will maintain weather equipment

5th Combat Communications Group

Three members of the 5th Combat Communications Group will rub shoulders with athletes like Michelle Kwan, Picabo Street and Brett Hull, next month at the Olympics in Salt Lake City.

They won't be competing, though, they're providing critical weather support by maintaining tactical observation equipment, said Tech. Sgt. Bert Kelley.

Kelley is one of two people from the 51st Combat Communications Weather System Support Cadre deploying to the Olympics. Although they are assisting security requirements for Operation Noble Eagle, the United States' endeavor to combat terrorism on the home front, planners have discussed this support for more than a year.

An additional person from the 5th CCG, Staff Sgt. George Sutherlin will be providing frequency management services.

Advanced system
"We are setting up the military's most advanced weather observation system at strategic locations at various competition sites," said Kelley.

"We will take the information we gather and send it – in real time – to forecasters at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. We need to make sure all that equipment works to provide these observations in case of an emergency situation."

This information includes temperature, barometric pressure, cloud cover, precipitation and other information that helps forecasters determine conditions and predict the weather.

Working together
The WSSC's wartime mission – to provide training and maintenance on weather support equipment – translates well to this requirement, said Kelley. "We're working with the National Weather Service, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency, and other agencies to make sure that everyone gets the most current weather observations."

Kelley and Staff Sgt. Charles Hall, both from the 51st CBCS, will be maintaining the tactical meteorological observation system, or TMOS, an 8-foot tall tripod with various weather observation equipment attached. "We're setting up the system in six different venues. The equipment has to be set up close to each event – and

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Tech. Sgt. Bert Kelley
5th CCG

monitored closely – to ensure that forecasters have the most current information available," Kelley said.

The two members from the 5th make up a team providing maintenance and troubleshooting assistance for the equipment. "We arrive before the Olympics start and stay until well after they are complete," Kelley said.

Better than bombs
This is an exciting time for the members of the Robins team. "This is something which is very exciting," said Kelley. "It's more encouraging than helping put bombs on target. This international sports competition is about the world getting together and engaging in common interests."

Hall agrees. "It will be great to see our military equipment used on a more civilian stage. It is incredible that we can be a part of using the TMOS for an international effort." The unit here and a similar unit at Tinker AFB, Okla., are the only ones in the military who exclusively set up and maintain tactical weather equipment.

AFNS BRIEFS

Two airmen die in C-21 crash

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Two airmen assigned here died Feb. 2 when their aircraft crashed near Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. Capt. Brian D. Rizzoli and 1st Lt. William B. Satterly died when their C-21 crashed about 5:15 p.m. EST during a training mission.

The crew and aircraft belong to the 47th Airlift Flight here. Its parent unit is the 375th Airlift Wing at Scott AFB, Ill.

The C-21 is used for cargo and passenger airlift. It is the military version of the Learjet 35A business jet. It can carry eight passengers and has a crew of two.

A board of officers will investigate the accident. (Article courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service.)

T-37 Tweet crash kills two

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — A T-37 Tweet trainer aircraft assigned to the 47th Flying Training Wing here crashed during a training mission at about 1:30 p.m. CST on Jan. 31 killing the instructor pilot and student onboard.

Officials identified the instructor



Courtesy photo

Two airmen assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base died Feb. 2 when their C-21 aircraft crashed near Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

pilot as 1st Lt. Chad B. Carlson from Lewisville, Texas, and the student pilot as 2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Jabara from Colbert, Wash.

The aircraft went down near the base's auxiliary airfield in Spofford, Texas.

A board of officers will investigate the accident. More information will be released as it becomes available.

Investigators release QF-4E report

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — Air Force investigators determined mechanical errors caused an Air Force QF-4E drone aircraft to crash Oct. 25 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The drone, which was unmanned,

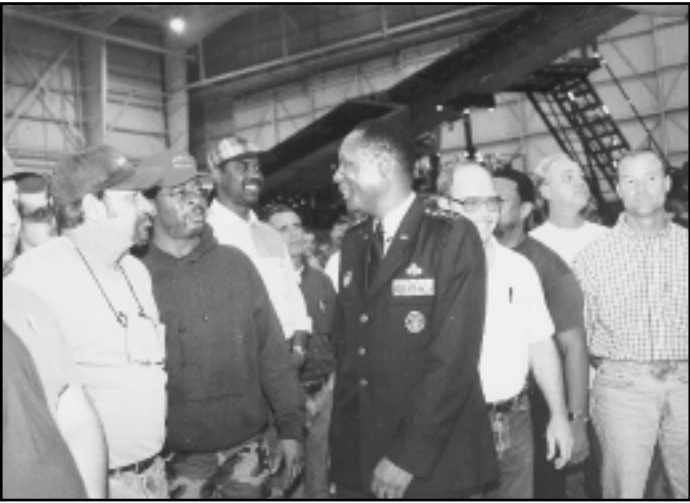
was destroyed upon impact in a wooded area on base shortly after takeoff. No one was injured in the accident. The aircraft, assigned to the 82nd Aerial Target Squadron, was participating in a training mission at the time of the accident. According to an Air Combat Command Accident Investigation Report released Feb. 5, the automatic flight control system failed to properly rotate the aircraft off the runway. The drone's operator switched the aircraft to manual controls; however, the instruments displayed erroneous information making it impossible for the controller to recover the aircraft. The drone aircraft hit the ground about 10 seconds after takeoff. (Article courtesy of ACC News Service.)



Courtesy photo

These T-37 Tweet trainers are the same as one that recently crashed during a training mission at Laughlin Air Force Base.

Lyles visit commends C-130 team delivery



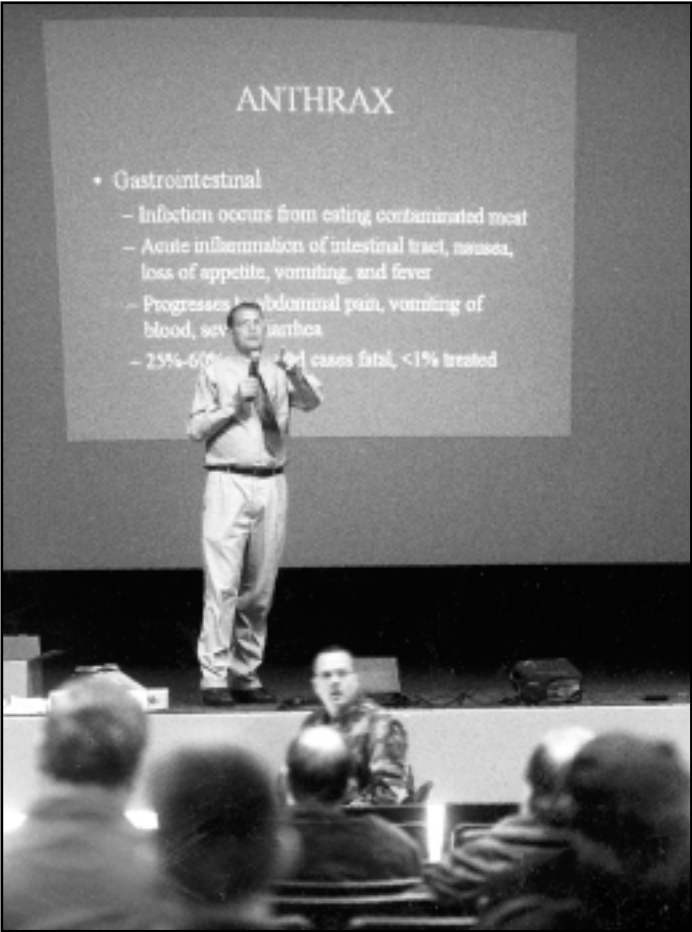
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Gen. Lester Lyles, commander of the Air Force Materiel Command, talks with employees in the C-130 System Program Office during a visit on Feb. 1. Lyles presented achievement medals to Maj. Scott Curry, Maj. Lance Johnson and Tech. Sgt. Hank Lewallen.

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Knowledge is power for battling anthrax

Dan Adkins led a mandatory briefing on emergency actions to be taken in the event of exposure to chemical or biological weapons. The briefings were held Monday and Tuesday in the base theater, per direction from Headquarters U.S. Air Force. All base personnel were required to attend. Those in attendance were given two cards providing information about what to do in certain emergency situations.

19th ARG major promises students to protect freedom

Editors Note: Letter from Maj. Brian McLaughlin from the 19th Air Refueling Group's forward operating location to Connie Sue Horton, school counselor for Medicine Lodge Primary and Middle Schools in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, after the deployed members of the 19th received care packages from the schools' children. Horton was the organizer of the project to send care packages to deployed Air Force members and the children collected more than 10,000 items and sent letters, colored flags and drawings as well.

Dear Ms. Horton,

I am a deployed military member who has just received your wonderful packages. I have never felt so proud to be an American!

Our unit is doing some very important missions, but the fact we are being recognized for our efforts by you and your school

truly means a lot to us.

We who choose to be members of our armed forces feel very strong about the freedom and liberty our country enjoys.

We all have sworn to defend our country with our very lives because we feel that strong about that freedom and liberty. I understand the concern of children all across the nation that the terrorist act on Sept. 11 caused.



We are here fighting an enemy that would like nothing more than to make us afraid and make us lose that freedom. The fear in some kids comes out in their letters. But what we here enjoy the most, is the fact that they trust we will do what's right and return freedom all across our nation and hopefully back to the world.

Please tell them not to worry, we will win. I have read many letters and cards from all over, and I wish I could thank each and every student.

On behalf of the men and women here, I would like to say thank you. We proudly display the cards; and most of the colored flags and other drawings they send are on the walls to remind us why we are here.

Freedom is not free and the fight to enjoy it is never ending. But we will do our best to continue to make America the land of the Free.

We wish you all a safe and very happy holiday season. May God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Brian P. McLaughlin, Maj, USAF Task Force 24 (KC-135 Special Operations) Operations Officer

P.S. Tell the M. Roe family I display the Liberty Bell card on my desk proudly!

A lighthouse called America; we light way for others to follow

By Lt. Col. Jim Hamrick
Headquarters Air Combat Command

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. - Everyone is an individual beacon of dedication to our country and values. Combined, our beacons become a lighthouse for the entire world to see.

A lighthouse for all free people. A lighthouse guiding us and those who reside in the most forlorn regions of the world. When we stand tall and do the right thing, we light the way ahead and others follow.

Conversely, when our enemies see the strength of our light, they retreat to their hiding places. Our

illuminating beam deters, detects and, if necessary, defeats the enemies of America and her allies.

How do we deter the enemy? We become beacons of professionalism. We carry out our duties with a new sense of resolve and commitment. We know our requirements and we execute them flawlessly. We document our lessons learned and tout our successes in public forums. Let our enemies see our strength and know we are ready — they will be deterred.

How can we detect the enemy? We are sensors. Whether deployed far away or attending an event in the local community, remain vigi-

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enemy. Illuminate the activities of those who wish to harm us.

We have resolve. Those enemies not deterred will feel our wrath. When the enemy attacks, we will defend and, if necessary, we will attack. Seek out the backwater strongholds of the enemy and destroy them. Attack the enemy out of the blackness of night skies, from the depths of the oceans, and on cat feet in their own backyards. Defeat the enemy and reveal the foolishness of their ways in the light of explosions and the red glow of lasers.

Our lighthouse will shine for all free people even as we bring to jus-

tice the enemies of America. The world will witness the goodwill of Americans — the exhaustive efforts taken to minimize civilian casualties and care for people displaced in war-torn regions. Our actions will illuminate the vast differences between our enemies and us.

As an American, you are a beacon for the world. Your beacon is part of a lighthouse that guides the people of the world toward freedom and away from dictators, tyrants, and demagogues. Always shine your light proudly for all to see. You are part of the lighthouse called America. (Commentary courtesy Air Combat Command News Service.)

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Jay Seward
Commander
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or email to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military email system select, WRALC/CCX Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial email account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Please include you name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up.



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Locked out of car

Q: First, I would like to say thank you to Gary Cliett, an employee at Robins Shoppette, who helped me get my car unlocked when I locked myself out. Before Gary aided me, I called the 78th Security Forces Squadron for help. I had no money, my husband had just left for a lengthy temporary duty assignment and I had two children with me.

I explained my situation to security forces and asked for help. I was rudely and quickly informed quote, "we don't do lockouts." I was stunned to say the least. I thought security forces where here to protect and serve? I needed their help desperately and they refused me when I needed them most.

I appreciate the work that security forces do, but they need to include lockouts for cars. It took all of 10 minutes to get my car unlocked, would that have put out security forces in any way? I think this policy should be changed; people are human and do occasionally lock themselves out of their cars.

A: Col. Seward - We apologize for your inconvenience and negative experience. We will work to improve our telephone etiquette as we better explain the services we do provide for a vehicle lockout. Our security forces community in the past did lockouts as a courtesy, but has discontinued that service except in extreme emergencies.

Our personnel are no longer trained to avoid damaging the locking mechanism on vehicles or avoiding the safety concerns of vehicles with side-impact airbags and, thus, exposing the Air Force to liability. Additionally, the large number of lockouts detracts from increasing mission requirements and strains our manning. Although our security forces no longer provide the service, they can notify you of organizations that provide the service for a fee and may make arrangements on your behalf.

This is consistent with the policy of local law enforcement offices and other Air Force Materiel Command bases.

Parking troubles

Q: There is a parking problem surrounding Bldg. 640. Last year there was always plenty of parking around the complex. Since Sept. 11 though, it has become a major screw-up. I'm not sure what's causing it, but I suspect the staggered shifts are to blame. I work a slightly later shift than most in the complex, and there are no legal spaces within a half mile available by the time I arrive at work. I suspect overlapping shifts are to blame because by late morning (9-10 a.m.) there are plenty of available spaces.

The situation has been made even worse since the holidays, as the lot where I generally try to park (adjacent to Bldg. 901) has recently been almost entirely converted to "student parking."

Approximately 30 spaces have been lost. I am really at my wits end over this situation. The only area I believe may still be available is on the opposite side of the complex. Unfortunately, because I work a later shift, the east gate of the complex is closed by the time I leave work. I would have to walk nearly a mile to my car if I parked there. While I'm not averse to exercise, this option is not acceptable due to the unpredictable weather in this area.

In the past, I have had my wife drop me off at work in certain circumstances. However, she has no base identification and can no longer enter the base. Please, is there anything you can do to help remedy the parking disaster?

A: Col. Seward - Thanks for bringing to our attention the frustrations of finding a vehicle parking space to get to work within Bldgs. 640 and 645. Hopefully we can find solutions which ease everyone's stress, enhance traffic safety and help us to continue to provide world-class agile combat support for the world's most respected aerospace force. We regret that improving student/instructor parking around Bldg. 901 has aggravated the challenging situation brought about by the events of Sept. 11 and increased force protection.

RAFBI 31-205, base parking, has information on the management and use of parking spaces. To ease this situation, vehicle

parking ticketing by parking monitors has been placed on hold and adjustments at the parking lot by Bldg. 901 are being made. We will void any tickets issued in the vicinity of Bldg. 901, to include parking on the grass since the last week in November.

We will also begin working to better use our existing parking lots and get vehicles off the grass and back onto the pavement as called for in RAFBI 31-205. Parking on the grass will not be tolerated where safety and force protection are compromised; our security forces will handle those situations specifically. In this regard, one specific area of concern is along Robins Parkway. Parking will not be allowed within 50 feet of the parkway and tickets will be issued as well to anyone entering the parkway from the shoulders.

We do encourage everyone to use the paved parking lots within the immediate area plus north of Bldg. 905. Visits through the area indicate these lots could be better used. We'll work to eliminate distractions to safe and efficient pedestrian traffic. With everyone's help we should be able to obtain maximum, effective use from our existing parking while ensuring any adjustments provide adequate, safely accessible parking within the area as required.

If you have any comments to help us develop the right solution, contact 2nd Lt. Brian George, our traffic engineer, at 926-5820 ext. 288, or his assistant, 1st Lt. Josh Knowles at 926-5820 ext. 180.



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Air Force portion of 2003 budget is \$87.2 billion; targets people, readiness

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basic pay with possible additional targeted raises for mid-grade officers and noncommissioned officers. It continues the campaign to eliminate out-of-pocket housing expenses, reducing overall costs from 11.3 percent to 7.5 percent this year. The budget also allocates \$4.2 billion for family housing accounts to eliminate inadequate housing by 2007.

The Air Force’s portion of the budget, \$87.2 billion, continues the service’s investment in its people, maintains its prior gains in readiness and accelerates its air and space transformation, a senior Air Force budget official said. The budget is divided into four categories: people, operations and readiness, physical plant, and modernization and transformation.

34 percent for people, quality of life

More than 34 percent, which is the largest portion of the Air Force budget, is geared toward Air Force people and improving their quality of life.

“These initiatives are important because the Air Force is a retention-based force,” the senior budget official said. “We recruit airmen but we retain families.”

The service has set aside \$27.7 billion for pay and compensation, almost \$1 billion for recruiting and retention initiatives and \$1.5 billion to modernize 8,400 Air Force family housing units.

28 percent to operations, support, training, education

The Air Force has dedicated 28 percent of its budget to its flying operations, combat training, space operations, base support and military training and education.

The service has funded \$10.9 billion for 2.1 million flying hours, overhauls for 369 airframes and 833 engines, and for spares, supplies, fuel and logistics support. The budget provides \$487 million for combat training on 26 ranges and more than 170 exercises. Space operations received \$1.6 billion to fund 50 space launches and the maintenance of two ranges and associated facilities.

Overall base support functions received

\$6.1 billion for communications, operating support, child development and family support facilities, real property services and environmental projects.

Professional military education, accessions and technical training programs received \$905 million.

The Air Force is taking an investment strategy with regards to its physical plant, dedicating \$4.3 billion of its budget to sustaining its facilities, the senior budget official said. This enables the service to accommodate new missions, further improve quality of life, maintain its lead in environmental stewardship and optimize its use of public and private resources.

As part of this strategy, the Air Force will be constructing 11 new dormitories and three fitness centers.

32 percent on modernization, transformation

The Air Force is spending 32 percent of its budget, more than \$28 billion, on modernization and transformation of its forces to counter any future threats.

“This transformation combines stealth and advanced weapons with horizontally integrated surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities from manned and unmanned air and space assets,” a senior budget official said.

“These capabilities will enable our war fighters to have the right information at the right place and right time,” he said. “It will allow us to strike any adversary, any place, any time, any weather, day or night.”

The Air Force budget also funds continued development of the Joint Strike Fighter and unmanned combat aerial vehicles as well as the procurement of:

- 23 F-22 Raptor aircraft and advance procurement of 27 more in fiscal 2004;
- 12 C-17 Globemaster IIIs;
- 35 T-6A Texan IIs;
- One E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft;
- Three Global Hawks;
- 22 RQ-1 Predators;
- One wideband gapfiller satellite; and
- One evolved expendable launch vehicle

Stopping for the Health of it

HAWC offers smokers a means to an end

By Geoff Janes
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David and Carol Stucky sat patiently outside the Health and Wellness Center puffing on what both vowed would be their last cigarettes.

And as the ashes grew longer and dropped effortlessly from the fiery embers that have been a part of their lives for 37 and 28 years respectively, the look on both of their faces was evidence that they were dedicated to the cause.

“When you’ve got a granddaughter running around in the yard, you want to run around with her,” David Stucky said matter of factly. “You don’t want to be just watching her and dragging around an oxygen tank because you’ve got emphysema.”

His wife readily agreed and said that their family and health were solid motivators for quitting a habit that plagues countless Americans every day.

“We’re determined to stop,” she said. “I used to get really bad headaches because of smoking – but now I’m not smoking as much.”

“She’s down to 15 or 16 cigarettes a day,” her husband added.

But within the hour those 15 or 16 would be reduced to zero. Both planned to be smoke free – for good.

As they took their last drag and put out the cigarettes that have been like the albatross around the mariner’s neck, they made their way into the center and took their seats for their third session of the four-week smoking cessation class offered at Robins Air Force Base.

According to Bridget Zimmerman, the director of the Health and Wellness Center, there are currently three of the classes being offered, with two from 12 – 1 p.m. and one in the evenings from 5 to 6 p.m.

She also said that the classes have been helpful for many of those who have taken advantage of them.

“We have about a 30 percent success rate after six months,” she said. “The classes are open to all Robins Air Force Base beneficiaries, and we do offer the nicotine patch.”

Which, according to Joanne Richardson, the health nurse educator who offers the class, can save class members about \$240 for the six to eight weeks’ supply of patches.

Richardson said the class also offers zyban, a drug used to help calm the side effects associated with quitting smoking. The drug, however, is only available to those who are eligible to use the base pharmacy.

According to Lt. Col. (Dr.) Laura Torres-Reyes, commander of the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, the benefits of stopping smoking are numerous, and taking the class is a good way to get on a healthy track.

“As soon as a smoker quits, their risk for cancer and other diseases decreases,” she said. “After 20 minutes, blood pres-

sure drops to a level close to that before smoking the last cigarette. After eight hours, the carbon monoxide level in the blood drops to normal. After 24 hours, the chance of having a heart attack decreases.”

Torres-Reyes went on to say that within three months after smoking, a person’s circulation improves and lung function improves by 30 percent. And within the ten years following a smoker’s last cigarette, their risk of cancer is 50 percent less than that of continuing smokers.

But even though the health benefits are clearly evidenced when someone stops smoking, some smokers have a tough time when they actually put down their last cigarette. Torres-Reyes said there are things that can ease the process.

“There are no bad side effects of quitting,” she said. “The withdrawal period is a critical time when support groups,

“When you’ve got a granddaughter running around in the yard, you want to run around with her. You don’t want to be just watching her and dragging around an oxygen tank because you’ve got emphysema.”

David Stucky
quitting smoker

medication and substitution of healthy habits will balance the usual irritability and substituted eating rituals that contribute to weight gain.”

There are a number of safe products on the market to help smokers quit including over-the-counter Nicotine gum and the Nicotine patch. Prescription medications include the Nicotine inhaler, nasal spray and patch.

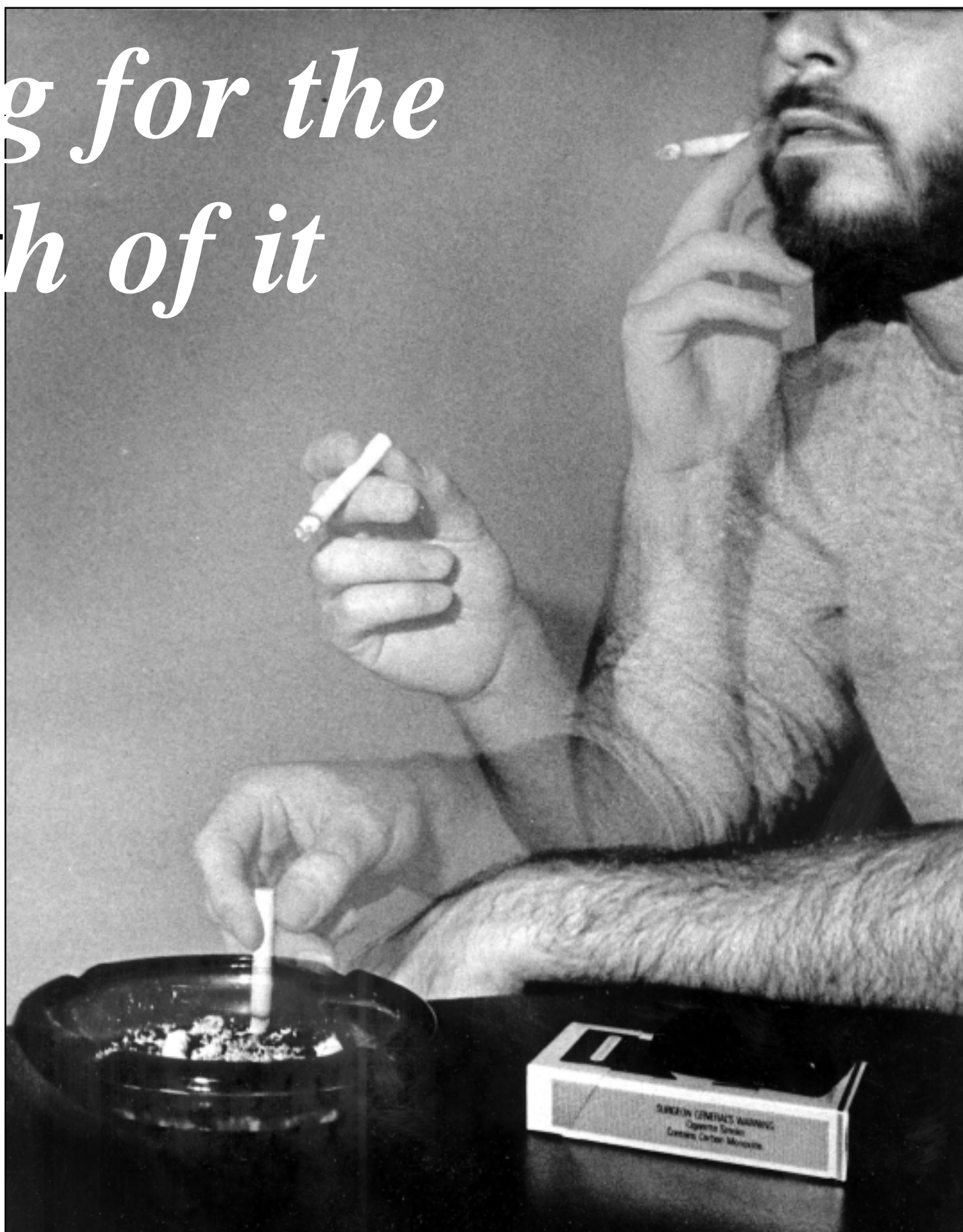
When it comes time to quit, Torres-Reyes said there is one major thing to keep in mind.

“You’re doing it for the health of yourself and everyone around you.”

As the Stuckys made their way to the car after the class they knew the next six to eight weeks wearing the patch would be tough, but were determined – after all, they had some running around to do.

Quitting smoking can be hard to do. For many people, putting out the final cigarette takes time and determination.

Photo illustration by Sue Sapp



Robins celebrates dental health

Sealants are an ounce of prevention for the mouth

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For parents who are wondering if there is a way to prevent cavities in their children’s mouths, there is.

A tooth coating called a sealant has been available for a number of years although most children do not have them. But dental sealants aren’t only for children, adults can consider them for themselves.

Sealants can be described as a flowable, plastic material that the dentist applies to the deep pits and valleys of back teeth. Teeth in the back are notorious for cavities due to the shear fact of their shape. Deep pits and valleys

of back teeth are houses for bacteria. After eating, food can get stuck in those pits and the bacteria in the mouth have a party, thus leading to cavities. Sealants are meant to cover those deep pits, make cleaning easier and reduce the risk of decay.

The application of sealants is a simple procedure that only takes one visit. The tooth surface is cleaned, the sealant is applied and made hard with a special light. It’s that simple, and most insurance companies cover the application of sealants for children.

Despite the advantages of sealants and their ability to prevent cavities, very few school-aged children have them.



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ABOVE: Robins Elementary School children learn the skill of flossing during a Dental Health Month activity at the school Tuesday. Flossing prevents gum disease and decay, and is important to overall oral health.

RIGHT: Shari Helm and Erin Hunt look on as Col. Jay E. Seward II, 78th Air Base Wing commander, signs a proclamation for the Robins Air Force Base observation of Dental Health Month, Jan. 24. During the month the 78th Dental Squadron holds a variety of activities stressing the importance of taking care of teeth.



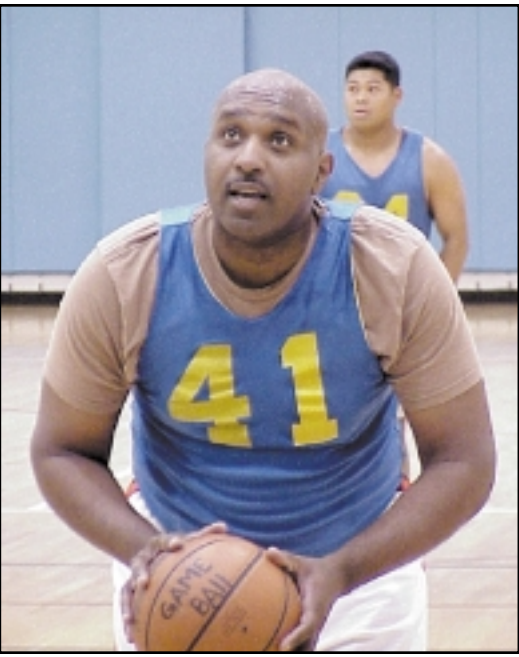
INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Intramural games this week				
Date	Time	Home	Visitor	
Feb. 12	6 p.m.	93 MXS	78 CS	
Feb. 12	7 p.m.	19 ARG	J-STARS	
Feb. 12	8 p.m.	WR-ALC	78 MSS	
Feb. 12	9 p.m.	78 CEG	93 ACW	
Feb. 14	6 p.m.	78 CS	116 MXS	
Feb. 14	7 p.m.	78 SFS	653 CLSS	
Feb. 14	8 p.m.	J-STARS	5 CEG	
Feb. 14	9 p.m.	19 ARG	93MXS	

Over 30 games this week				
Date	Time	Home	Visitor	
Feb. 11	6 p.m.	78 SFS	78 OSS	
Feb. 11	7 p.m.	78 CS	78 CEG	
Feb. 11	8 p.m.	78 LG	RNCOA	
Feb. 11	9 p.m.	653 CLSS	78 MDG	
Feb. 13	6 p.m.	19 ARG	HQ AFRC	
Feb. 13	7 p.m.	78 CEG	78 LG	
Feb. 13	8 p.m.	78 MDG	78 SFS	
Feb. 13	9 p.m.	5TH MOBB	78 MSS	

Intramural basketball standings									
As of Feb. 5									
Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave up	Points		
78 SFS	5	0	0	1.000	—	212	266		
5 CCG	4	0	0	1.000	0.5	176	211		
78 MSS	4	1	0	.800	1	174	193		
J-STARS	4	1	0	.800	1	236	248		
OUTLAWS	4	2	0	.667	1.5	241	318		
653 CLSS	3	2	0	.600	2	221	129		
WR-ALC	3	3	0	.500	2.5	273	249		
78 CEG	2	3	0	.400	3	225	234		
93 ACW	2	3	0	.400	3	160	182		
116 MXS	1	4	0	.200	4	248	161		
93 MXS	0	4	0	.000	4.5	183	121		
19 ARG	0	4	0	.000	4.5	208	165		
78 CS	0	5	0	.000	5	240	220		

Over 30 basketball standings									
As of Feb. 5									
Team	Wins	Loss	Tie	PCT	GB	Gave up	Points		
78 MSS	5	0	0	1.000	—	254	385		
5TH MOBB	4	1	0	.800	1	189	239		



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Bryan Reed
Daryl Mercer, 78th Civil Engineer Group, prepares to shoot a free throw as part of his team's intramural victory over the 19th Air Refueling Group Tuesday.

78 CEG	3	1	0	.750	1.5	175	205
653 CLSS	3	2	0	.600	2	248	236
78 SFS	3	2	0	.600	2	200	214
HQ AFRC	3	2	0	.600	2	230	249
78 OSS	2	2	0	.500	2.5	173	122
RNCOA	2	3	0	.400	3	134	132
78 LG	2	3	0	.400	3	245	224
78 CS	1	4	0	.200	4	163	122
78 MDG	0	4	0	.000	4.5	220	186
19 ARG	0	4	0	.000	4.5	233	150

Harlem team comes to Robins

Ambassadors come with positive message for base’s youth

Services Marketing

The Harlem Ambassadors, featuring Lade Majic, will give a high-energy presentation Monday at 4 p.m. at the youth center. The team will be speaking about very important decisions in young people’s lives today: staying in school and staying off drugs.

The team will challenge the Robins Varsity Basketball Team at 7:30 p.m. in the fitness center gymnasium, located in Bldg. 826.

Cost to attend the game is \$3 per person. Children wearing their Robins Youth Center sports uniforms will be admitted free of charge. Youth 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

Complimentary tickets for

children with sports uniforms and the \$3 tickets must be picked up in advance by today.

“Kids are exposed to drugs and subject to peer pressure at any age. They will especially listen to professional athletes that will present a positive message,” said Ron Hayes, youth center sports director.

“It’s also going to be a great basketball game. Lade Majic provides a great representation of females in sports.”

The Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show features high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling and hilarious comedy routines. The team of male professionals is uniquely led by a woman player and coach, Lade Majic. “This is not your grandfather’s basketball show,” said Lade Majic.

“No other sports, music or



Courtesy photo

Lade Majic and the Harlem Ambassadors will play the Robins men’s varsity basketball team Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

theatrical presentation has come anywhere close to the amount of U.S. military base performances our team has done in the past three years,” said team president Dale Moss.

SPORTS BRIEFS

ASMC holds tourney

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will be hosting its fifth annual golf tournament on March 22 at Waterford Golf Course. There will be a noon shotgun start.

For more information or to sign up to play, contact Doug Wechlser at 926-

6615, or Curtis Lord at 327-0514.

Fitness Center 926-2128

A predicted-time 5K Healthy Heart run/walk will be held today at 11:30 a.m.

Participants will be divided into four categories of 35 and younger males and females and 36 and older males and females.

Contact the fitness center to sign up.

Softball meeting

An interest meeting for the 2002 Women’s Base Varsity Softball Team will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Andre Carr at 327-4642.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

ETM luncheon

The second Engineering and Technical Management luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 19 at the Robins Air Force Base Officers’ Club. The luncheon will honor the base nominees for the AFMC Engineering and Technical Management Awards from Robins. The cost is \$7.50 per person. All base scientists and engineers are invited. Contact D.R. Moody at 926-6617 for reservations by Monday.

Health fair

The Robins Air Force Base Black Heritage Observance Committee is hosting a healthy heart health fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the old base gym.

Comptrollers meet

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will meet on Feb. 20 in the Georgia Room at the Robins Air Force Base Officers Club, at 11:30 a.m., for the monthly ASMC meeting. This will be the Local ASMC Awards Luncheon. Tickets are \$8 for members and \$9 for nonmembers and are available from Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Mariela Schnable at 926-6718, Capt. Dwayne LaHaye at 327-2954 and Betty Enge at 926-5485. Purchase tickets by Feb. 15.

Museum needs volunteers

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center is seeking volunteers to meet and greet visitors daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Tour guide opportunities are available as well as special function opportunities. For additional information, contact museum Director of Protocol and Volunteers

Judye Blackburn, or Angelina Banks, volunteer and education administrative assistant at 926-4242 for additional information.

ASMC to host MINI PDI

The Middle Georgia and Montgomery Alabama chapters of American Society of Military Comptrollers announce the ASMC Regional Mini PDI, “Paving The Road To Professionalism,” on March 12 and 13, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Macon.

The registration fee is \$75 for ASMC members, and \$85 for non-members. Online registration closes Feb. 28. Those interested may also call Tom Hudgins at 327-1401 for information on how to register online.

For other registration information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Tim Cochran at 926-0363.

ALS Positions Available

The Robins Airman Leadership School is seeking qualified staff sergeants looking for dynamic career-broadening experience and a change of pace. One flight instructor position is available for immediate hire, with two additional positions

becoming available within the next 12 months.

All qualified applicants will possess a minimum of an associate’s degree and not be on any physical profile waivers.

All interested staff sergeants should submit a resume’ with cover letter, transcripts, letters of recommendation, last five EPRs, and personal data rip to the ALS. For further information, call 926-6515.

White House has openings

The White House Communications Agency is looking for highly dedicated and professional airmen to provide optimum communications support to the president of the United States. Those interested must be able to travel, work with little supervision and be extremely responsible. People of interest are in communications, audio-visual, administrative and support fields.

Applicants must also be able to obtain and keep a top-secret security clearance, have no history of derogatory information and be able to serve in a four-year presidential support duty billet.

The WHCA Nomination Team will be visiting Robins from Feb. 28 to March 1. There will be an orientation

on Feb. 28 at 9 a.m., in Coates Hall (Bldg 2051). For additional information, contact Sgt. Lillard, at 202-757-5150 or DSN 284-2000 ext. 75150.

AFA drives for members

Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 of the Air Force Association is hosting a membership drive through the end of February. Unit points of contact have recruiting packets and training materials. AFA Chapter 296 president Art Bosshart has set a goal of a 6-percent increase, or 110 members, during the 2002 membership drive.

Membership information and applications will be available through each unit’s point of contact, or obtained by calling Maj. Susan Morgan at 327-8230.

Gospel concert to be held

The 2002 Robins Air Force Base Black Heritage observance is a month-long celebration of black history activities and cultural events. A gospel program will be held at 4 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Robins AFB Chapel. For additional information, contact Hildred Jones at 926-4705.

HONOR ROLLS

Richard Ginger, a clerk in the operations section of the Industrial Products Division of the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate, was awarded a Notable Achievement Award. His knowledge of technical orders was invaluable in implementing the data automation system and bringing the system on line. During the last maintenance standardization evaluation program, his files were given a noteworthy achievement by the inspector. In addition to a solid performance with the technical order file, he was a member of the division’s foreign object D team that prepared the division for MSEP.



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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center announces its annual award winners.

Senior Airman LaFrance A. Ballard was named Airman of the Year. Ballard, a separations clerk with the 78th Mission Support Squadron, is given all the VIP briefings because of his expertise as a separations technician. He designed and developed the squadron’s current monthly mass separation briefings. He regularly volunteers for short notice and time sensitive separations. Ballard also updated and monitored data on daily transaction registers, resulting in a 50 percent reduction in separation system repeat inputs.

Tech. Sgt. Andre B. Riggins was named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Riggins is a flight instructor at Robins Airman Leadership School. His support afforded Robins ALS the opportunity to be one of only three Air Force ALS to offer nine classes. Riggins also orchestrated referral and support agency involvement in the ALS program to give students current, first-hand information and involvement with what will soon be their key resources as supervisors.

Senior Master Sgt. Kathleen P. Gray was named Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Gray is the 78th Dental Squadron superintendent. Her leadership ensured first-class dental care delivered to all beneficiaries and the productivity of the dental clinic was up 11 percent in 2001 from 2000. Gray’s review and improvement of preventive dentistry operations improved output by 14 percent in three months.